Spread of epidemics in West Delhi colonies

2118. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the prevalence of gastroenteritis epidemic in colonies of West Delhi, particularly in Jail Road, Hari Nagar, G Block area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that filth and other wasted are being dumped in the open space covered by plots G-79, G-80, G-82 and G-129 and the same has been piled up to 2 to 3 feet;

(c) whether Central Government will conduct an independent enquiry and take suitable action so that the area is cleaned immediately and Cholera and other epidemics are checked; and

(d) if so details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) According to information received from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) there is no report of epidemic of gastroenteritis in these areas.

(b) The MCD has informed that refuse is being removed regularly from these plots.

(c) and (d) The National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi is already involved in laboratory bases surveillance of cholera in Delhi. It is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments to take suitable action to check cholera and epidemics.

Imposing ban on commercial use of silver foils

2119. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some people are using aluminium for making silver foils, which are used for coating sweet meats;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to check this malpractice;

(c) whether Government would consider imposing a ban on commercial use of silver foils to eliminate the misuse; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No such report has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The standards of silver leaf are already prescribed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules.

Occurrence of Toxins in Imported Pulses/Lentils

2120. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some imported lentils/pulses have been found to contain certain naturally occurring toxins, that are harmful to human health;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these legumes are mixed with Indian pulses;

(c) if so, what are the full details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken in this regard; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) Blanche flour or Vicia Sativa imported from Australia was found to contain some toxins. The import of any toxic pulses including Vicia Sativa has already been banned by the Ministry of Commerce vide their notification No. 98 (N-28)/92/93 dated 18th January, 1993. Besides, the Port Health Officers at various Ports in India get the imported food-grains chemically analysed before releasing them for human consumption in the country.

अनुसंधान संस्थानों की उपलब्धियां

2121. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष और गत वर्ष में राष्ट्रीय संचारी रोग संस्थान, केन्द्रीय मनोविकार विज्ञान संस्थान, जवाहरलाल स्नातकोत्तर चिकित्सा शिक्षा और अनुसंधान संस्थान, अखिल भारतीय शारीरिक औषध और पुनर्वास संस्थान, राष्ट्रीय क्षय रोग संस्थान, केन्द्रीय कुष्ठ अध्यापन और अनुसंधान संस्थान की क्या क्या उपलब्धियां रही हैं ;

(ख) उपर्युक्त संस्थानों की भावी योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) गत कुछ वर्षों के दौरान पटेल इंस्टीट्यूट की क्या उपलब्धियां रही हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी. सिल्वेरा) : (क) और (ख) ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया गया है । **(देखिये परिशिष्ट 171 अनुपत्र संख्या 35)**

(ग) सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है।

विवरण

पटेल चेस्ट संस्थान

पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान महत्वपूर्ण अनुसंधान उपलब्धियां

(1) ब्रोन्कोमाइकोसिस जैसे फेफड़े के रोगों, कुष्ठक फेफड़ा रोग, प्रत्यूर्जता संबंधी एस्पर्जिलस जिनुसाइटिस, जो पहले भारत में अज्ञात थी, की पहचान तथा उनका सफल उपचार ।

(2) दमा के उदभावन के जैव-रसायनिक आधार पर स्पष्टीकरण ।

(3) स्वास्थ्य तथा रोग में श्वसनी तथा वर्तल प्रणालियों के नियमन के तंत्रों का स्पष्टीकरण ।

(4) प्रत्यूर्जता संबंधी तथा संक्रमणीय फुफ्फुस रोगों के लिये प्रेरणादक कारकों का संशोधन ।

Study on Tobacco related diseases

2122. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3968 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th August, 1993 and state:

(a) the scientific basis of the study done by ICMR relating to tobacco related diseases;

(b) whether the figures are mere estimates; and

(c) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The ICMR estimate has been derived from published information and by using standard methodology which is based on the available